

# Answers to Candidate Questions

1. Three years ago I ran for this seat because I wanted to use my business and life experiences to help Clovis Unified maintain its high level of achievement. Three years later, I still feel that way.

Clovis Unified has equipped my children with a high-quality education over the years and I am now in a position to give back and provide the same service and support for the children that are currently attending Clovis Unified by serving on the CUSD Governing Board.

2. My wife and I have two sons, Derek and Blake. Both of our children attended CUSD since kindergarten. Derek graduated from Clovis North this year and Blake is currently a sophomore in the special education program at Clovis North.
3. I have never served on a school board, however, I did run for this seat in 2016. I have been involved over the years with my children's school activities. My son, Derek, participated in sports throughout his time in CUSD and I worked with every one of his sports program activities in some way.

2011-2012	Copper Hills Snack Bar
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2015-2016	Clovis North Black and Blue dinner aquatics fundraiser.
2016-2017	Clovis North curbside dinner aquatics fundraisers. (fall and spring)
2017-2018	Clovis North curbside dinner aquatics fundraisers. (fall and spring)
2018-2019	Clovis North curbside dinner aquatics fundraisers. (fall and spring)

4. I am an independent businessman in Clovis. Over the years I have been involved in many community activities.

I currently serve as a Board Member of the Clovis Kiwanis Club. In that capacity I help to set the direction and community involvement of the club. Kiwanis allows me to be involved in many different types of activities. Everything the Kiwanis does is geared towards kids. Clovis Kiwanis has a scholarship program that awards one student from each CUSD high school with a scholarship and I have served on the committee that awards the scholarships. I have been on the Clovis Kiwanis Freedom Fest Fireworks show committee for the last three years working on event planning and fundraising.

My family has also participated in the "Giving Tree" at Fancher Creek Elementary School. The "Giving Tree" is a Christmas tree that has student's names and their gift wishes as well as their clothing size. We shopped for items to fulfill the child's wish and needs and wrapped them so they would have gift to unwrap at Christmas. My company also participated in a coat drive for the students at Fancher Creek.

For the last three years I have read books to my sister's kindergarten and first grade classes when she taught at Fancher Creek. She currently teaches at Cedarwood Elementary.

I also serve as an Ex-Officio Member of the Fresno County Republican Party, representing Congressman Tom McClintock. I have held that capacity for the past two years.

5. The basic purpose of any school district is to provide for the education needs of all students within its district, equipping the next generation to be productive and engaged citizens for their community.
6. The Governing Board is responsible for setting policies and procedures that conform with the values and beliefs of the community they serve. The board also employs the Superintendent and sets policy for hiring of other employees. Adoption of curriculum, budgeting, oversight of facilities, and adoption of collective bargaining agreements are all critical pieces of the scope of the board's duties.

As a member of the Board, I would work with fellow Trustees and the Superintendent to guide Clovis Unified's continued growth by developing policies that will ensure the district's long-term educational and financial strength moving forward, while also building and maintaining a strong rapport with parents from across the district.

7. As a board member I would use my years of business experience to assist the Board and Superintendent with maintaining the rigorous standards that have led Clovis Unified to decades of high achievement by our students and graduates while continuing to strengthen the ties our school district has with the community at-large.
8. Yes, my sister Elizabeth Aniotzbehere is a Kindergarten teacher at Cedarwood. My mother is retired from Copper Hills, both of my mom's sisters, Evelyn Hamamjian and Alice Manukian, are retired from Cedarwood and Clovis High respectively.
9. No.
10. Yes, I hold a California Certificate of Eligibility from the California Department of Justice. Additionally, I hold a number of state and Federal licenses that require on-going background checks.
11. Absolutely